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UPDATE: Driver in Laurel collision has died

Howard County police are continuing to investigate a single-vehicle collision that occurred Monday on Route 216 in Laurel. The driver, Genar M. Grijlva Gonzalez, 28, of Snow Acres Drive in Laurel, has died as a result of his injuries.

At approximately 12:43 p.m. on Jan. 16, Gonzalez's Ford Mustang was traveling eastbound on Route 216 near Stephens Road at a high rate of speed when it left the road for an unknown reason and struck two light poles and a guardrail before overturning. No other vehicles were involved.

Gonzalez, the driver and sole-occupant, was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead yesterday afternoon.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the collision was speed and alcohol-related. Gonzalez was not wearing a seatbelt.

Route 216 eastbound was closed at Stephens Road for approximately two and a half hours as police investigated.

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